

would like to hear that suggestion from you, otherwise I will have to oppose the motion at this point.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Marsh, I'm going to have to oppose your amendment. Your amendment is about the same as what LB 29 was. I didn't think that we needed LB 29. I don't think we need this amendment on the bill because the State Fire Marshall knows what the problems are and he has taken steps to correct it. I happen to be in the retail petroleum business. I think we are doing this on a gradual basis. I would also like to call to the attention of this body that it is not a big problem in our state. Certainly we have a few problems, but we are taking care of that. Also the cost of taking care of this is expensive. We cannot take the tanks, we cannot take the tanks that contain the fuel that are above ground and bury those tanks. New tanks have to be purchased. This costs money. In the rural areas we are experiencing difficult economic times and I think this would place an undue burden. But as these tanks deteriorate these service stations are taking care of the problems. So I would just like to urge this body to defeat the amendment, unless Senator Marsh, which I'm hopeful will probably withdraw from this bill. I support LB 383 as it is written. But if we get this amendment on I'll have to fight to kill the bill. I don't think this is fair to Senators Abboud and Senator Hannibal because they have a bill that I think we need. So I would certainly urge Senator Marsh to withdraw her amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, then Senator Marsh. Excuse me, excuse me. Senator Vickers was ahead of you. I'm sorry.

SENATOR HABERMAN: H comes before V.

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, no, not in this case. Senator Vickers. I'm sorry, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't know whether Senator Haberman is admitting something there or not. I rise to support Senator Marsh in this amendment, recognizing the difficulties pointed out by Senator Hefner. I was the only member of the Ag Committee that voted against